

Discover the Delaware Bay with us!



National Estuaries Week

September 17 - 24, 2016

Signup now for the Coastal Cleanup!

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sponsored by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the cleanup spans the First State's 97-mile eastern coastline and 53 sites, including river and ocean shorelines as well as wetland and watershed areas. The cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup which brings together hundreds of thousands of people every year to rid the oceans of marine debris and collect detailed information about the kind of trash removed.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online.

To register and learn more visit: dnrec.delaware.gov/coastalcleanup

Explore Blackbird Creek by Canoe

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

801 Blackbird Landing Road, Townsend, DE

Join Reserve and Delaware Wildlands staff for an adventure up Blackbird Creek to observe the various habitats and wildlife along the creek, and to learn about what the two programs are doing to research and protect the Delaware Bay. This trip is for **EXPERIENCED PADDLERS ONLY** and will require participants to paddle for approximately 4 miles. Life jackets and all equipment will be provided.

The program is FREE but registration is required.

To register call 302-739-6377.

National Estuaries Day

FREE Public Programs Saturday, September 24

St. Jones Reserve, 818 Kitts Hummock Rd, Dover

St. Jones Reserve Open House 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hike out to Kingston Upon Hull 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

Boat Trip on the St. Jones 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM and 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM*

Campfire with the John Dickinson Plantation 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM*

Blackbird Creek Reserve, 801 Blackbird Landing Road, Townsend

Guided Nature Hike 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM*

*Registration required for these programs, to register call 302-739-6377.

For more information about the programs visit: <http://de.gov/nationalestuarday>

Give back to the Bay on National Estuaries Day!

Volunteer Tree Planting 9 AM -Noon,

801 Blackbird Landing Rd, Townsend, DE

Join Reserve staff at the Blackbird Creek Reserve to plant native trees to help our local environment. Volunteers will need to supply their own work gloves and wear long pants and closed toed shoes.

All ages are welcome, but registration is required.

Coastal Heritage Driving Tour: New Castle County Dike System

Wednesday, September 28, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Join us as we discover the New Castle County dike system. Leave the driving to us as you board our touring van. We will make a stop for lunch along the way. The tour will meet at the **St. Jones Reserve** (818 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Delaware). This program is designed for participants 18 years of age or older. **The program is FREE but registration is required. To register call 302-739-6377 to register.**

Note: There will be at least 1/2 mile of walking outside during this tour.

**Programs can be cancelled due to inclement weather or if not enough people register. **

For more information visit our website at: <http://de.gov/dnerr>